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SUBJECT: LEBANESE AMBASSADOR ON SOVIET ME POLICY

1. DURING A CALL AT HIS REQUEST APRIL 9, LEBANESE AMBASSADOR JABRE MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO ME ABOUT PRESENT SOVIET ATTITUDES TOWARD THE ME SITUATION:

2. JABRE SAID HE IS WORRIED ABOUT WHAT HE CALLED "THE SOVIETS' HANDS OFF" ATTITUDE TOWARD THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. AFTER TALKS EARLIER IN THE WEEK WITH SYTENKO (WHOM HE APPARENTLY SAW MONDAY) AND OTHER MFA OFFICIALS, HE CONCLUDED THE SOVIETS HAVE NO IDEAS ABOUT THE "PRACTICAL" ASPECTS OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

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THEY HAD NOTHING TO OFFER ON DATES FOR THE CONFERENCE. IN

RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT GENEVA, JABRE SAID HE GOT ONLY "DECLARATIONS OF PRINCIPLE." WHEN HE ASKED ABOUT ATTENDANCE AT GENEVA, JABRE SAID, HE WAS TOLD "THE ARABS MUST UNITE." HE COMMENTED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAS THE DEFINITE IMPRESSION THE SOVIETS CAN ACCEPT A DELAY IN PALESTINIAN ATTENDANCE "SO LONG AS THE PALESTINIANS ARE AT GENEVA FOR THE IMPORTANT POLICY DECISIONS."

3. JABRE SAID WHEN HE ASKED SYTENKO ABOUT SOVIET-AMERICAN CONTACTS ON GENEVA, SYTENKO SEEMED UNCOMFORTABLE AND GAVE NO DIRECT ANSWER. ANOTHER MFA OFFICIAL, HOWEVER, NOTED CURRENT SPECULATION IN THE ME ABOUT A POSSIBLE RENEWAL OF THE SECRETARY'S MISSION AND COMMENTED TO JABRE THAT THE SOVIETS "DO NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT COULD BE RENEWED IN SOME FORM."

4. JABRE SAID HE DOES NOT THINK MUCH OF THE MEPC. HE DOUBTS THAT GOING TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL HELP. HE APPEARED VERY KEEN ON SADAT, AND PRAISED HIS SPEECH TO THE ASU FOR ITS MODERATION. HE MADE A PLEA THAT THE U.S. ACT TO STRENGTHEN SADAT. JABRE SAID HE IS WORRIED ABOUT RENEWAL OF THE UNDOF MANDATE AS A DATE. HE THINKS THE TIME IS SHORT.
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